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THIRD CONFIRMED RABIES CASE FOR 2009 RECORDED IN CATAWBA COUNTY

Catawba County's third confirmed case of rabies for the year 2009 has been recorded. The case began on July 9, 2009 when a resident living southeast of Claremont noticed a fox coming out from under the porch of the residence. The person approached the animal, was bitten, and then shot the fox.

The remains of the fox were sent to the State Public Health Laboratory in Raleigh for rabies testing. The State Lab informed Catawba County Animal Services on July 13, 2009 that the fox tested positive for rabies. The person involved in the incident has been informed by Catawba County Animal Services that the fox tested positive and has been advised to seek medical treatment.

Catawba County Animal Services reminds all citizens that wild animals should never be approached or handled, even if they appear to be dead or are dead.

Animal Services also reminds pet owners that rabies is still present in the local wild animal population and is a threat to pets and humans, year-round. The best way to protect your pets from rabies is to have them properly vaccinated for rabies.

For more information on rabies or rabies vaccinations, you may call Catawba County Animal Services at 828-464-7686.